

## Minutes of Southern Utah Veterans' Home – Ivins, Advisory Board Meeting 2-12-2014

Meeting called to order by Advisory Board Chairman Bill Toole on February 12, 2014 at 4:00pm.

The invocation and the pledge of allegiance were led by Advisory Board Chairman Bill Toole.

### **The following Board Members in Attendance**

Bill Toole, Chair  
Lloyd Laycook, Vice Chair  
David Chung  
Ron Lee  
Carole Grady  
Terry Dunne  
Bill Stay  
Donna Lister

### **Board Members Excused**

Chris Hart  
Steve Roberts

A quorum is present with 8 out of 10 Board Members.

Dennis McFall, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs- Excused  
Jacqueline Peterson, State Director, Staff to the Advisory Board  
Avalon Administrator; Jerry Olson

### **Visitor**

Gordon Poppitt - Utah Honor Flight

Chairman Bill Toole welcomed all in attendance to the Southern Utah Veterans Home - Ivins board meeting.

**Minutes** of January 14, 2014 were read by Terry Dunn and approved as read.

Utah Honor Flight-Gordon Poppitt reported on the Utah Honor Flight Program. He handed out applications for this program and told board members that Veterans cost is free but the care giver cost would be \$700.00. Board member Terry Dunne prepared "Issues with regard to the honor flight program" (see attached questions). Gordon stated he would forward these concerns to the individuals who could answer them and he would get back with Jacqueline Peterson.

Jacqueline Peterson, State Director of the Southern Utah Veterans Home reported on 2380 Fund. Resident Council - \$7,972.00. Eagle Monument \$26,281 & UDVMA issued sculpture a payment of \$8,800.00 for Phase 1 of 4. To date the facility has not received federal funding due to recognition packet pending at Central Office in Washington DC.

Avalon HealthCare Administrator Jerry Olson reported on current census is at 70 or 65% occupied; waiting list, active 27, inactive, 39; 60 male veterans, 3 female veterans, 7 non veterans; discharges 7; admissions 27; total employees 120.

Administrator Jerry Olson discussed the Pinnacle Customer Service Satisfaction Report and it was noted that the Ivins Facility is doing exceptionally well. Jerry Olson addressed the ongoing effort to have Health Care Providers contracted with the Southern Utah Veteran Home.

Jerry Olson reported on the "Veterans Center for Post Acute Rehabilitation and Recovery" which will be our 900 community. This is for short term rehab patients only. If you come from the hospital you come here for rehab and recovery only. He just got back from the hospital on marketing this idea and the staff was excited about it. Jerry passed out the flyer that Avalon had designed to market this community. Wants to name the 900 community after a veteran who has been injured on active duty. Would work with Wounded Warrior Program for possible veterans.

### **Old Business**

The 9/10 acre across the street could be used for parking for the residents that come to rehab in the 900 community.

### **New Business**

None

Next Meeting: March 12, 2014 at 4:00pm

The meeting was adjourned without ceremony by Chairman Bill Toole at 5:58 pm